# LINCOLN WATER COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 12, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners was held at the Lincoln Water Commission Office with Commissioners Conklin, DeCotis, Hadley, Kay, and Lapierre present. Also present was Water Superintendent John S. Faile.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED:

That Commissioner Frederick Conklin is elected Chairman of the recently inaugurated Board. APPROVED

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Lapierre, it was VOTED: That Commissioner Kay is elected Secretary of the Board. APPROVED.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Kay, It was VOTED: That the meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:00 pm APPROVED

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Kay it was VOTED:

To accept the minutes of the previous meeting. APPROVED

# MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Lapierre, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: That the Superintendent's Report for the month of December is accepted and ordered placed on file.

APPROVED.

# MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Kay, the December 2010 financial report will be placed on file for audit. APPROVED

# **OUTSTANDING BALANCE REPORT**

The Outstanding Balance Report for the month of December will be placed on file.

# CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

The December 2010 statement of investments, encumbrances, and amounts available for capital projects was presented to the Board.

### MONTHLY INVOICES

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, Accounts Payable in the amount of \$158,444.13, and Direct Payments in the amount of \$412,872.95, is approved for payment. APPROVED

### **ABATEMENTS**

There were no abatements to bring before the Board at the January 2011 meeting.

# **ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

The Account Adjustment report will be placed on file.

# CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Superintendent supplied a copy of the RI Clean Water Finance Annual Report to the Board.
- b) The Superintendent provided the Board with a copy of RIGL 42-46-5 "Purposes for which a meeting may be closed" for their information.
- c) The Superintendent informed the Board of a meeting he will be attending in the Town of Smithfield. The Water Consolidation Feasibility Committee will hold its initial meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 6:30 pm.
- d) A copy of a check in the amount of \$386.90 from ENERNOC was presented to the Board.
- e) A copy of a letter to the residents of 6 Edelweiss Avenue detailing water consumption and billings from 1996 forward was presented to the Board.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Further communication from the Lonsdale Fire District will be heard at a later date.
- b) The Board received a detailed Capital Improvement summary Superintendent showing that 17,244 ft of pipe was cleaned and lined in the year 2010 for the amount of \$1,030,348.00. Funding was provided by Rhode Island Clean Water Agency and included \$432,000.00 in ARRA stimulus grants.
- c) A review of the "Rates, Rules, and Regulations" of the Lincoln Water Commission was deferred to the February meeting.
- d) A survey of Statewide 2010 Residential water rates was presented to the Board showing that Lincoln ranks 21st out of 29 with the new water rate increase compared to 24th out of 29 with the old rates.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Members of the Board and the Superintendent will attend the 11th annual conference of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on January 27th.
- b) Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, change order #2 for additional work from DewCon Construction in the amount of \$15,720.00 was approved for payment.

## **APPROVED**

- c) Upon motion of Commissioner DeCotis, seconded by Commissioner Kay, A collections policy modification to move the threshold to \$250.00 or two missed payments is ADOPTED. Copy filed with minutes. APPROVED.
- d) A copy of the 2009/2010 unaudited Profit and Loss Comparison showing a fiscal year loss of \$248,879.37 was presented to the Board.
- e) The Lincoln Water Commission will send a delegation to the annual Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust Business Meeting on January 20, 2011.

# SUBCOMMITEE REPORTS

- a) Charter Review Subcommittee had no report.
- b) The Superintendent informed the Labor negotiations Subcommittee that meetings will take place on January 24th and 25th
- c) The Superintendent updated the Board on three (3) claims submitted to the Trust

# SAFETY/TRAINING

All members of the crew will attend a safety seminar on January 25TH sponsored by the Atlantic States Rural Water and Waste Water Association.

The Superintendent updated the Board relative to Bacteria test results for 2010. Required sampling results have been excellent and while many factors contribute to the excellent results, the Superintendent believes that the cleaning and lining project, storage tank and distribution system maintenance and of course the quality of work performed by the LWC staff in their daily duties have all played a major role in the cleanliness and quality of the water being delivered to the residents of the Town.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Lapierre, it was VOTED: To adjourn to executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-5a (1) – 9 to discuss legal and contract negotiations matters at 7:14PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: to return to the regular meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Lapierre, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: To seal the minutes of the closed session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-7c.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner

Lapierre, it was VOTED: To adjourn at 8:15 PM. APPROVED